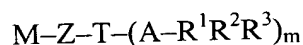
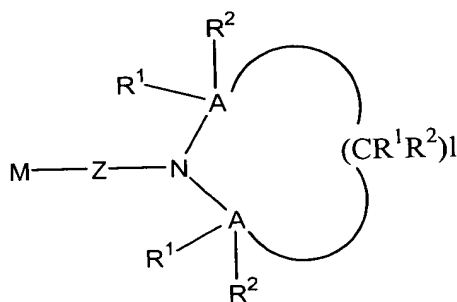


and at least one additional initiator comprises one or more non-chain extended compounds of the formula



or

*D<sub>1</sub>*  
*cont.*



wherein:

M is lithium;

Q is a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbyl group derived by incorporation of at least one conjugated diene hydrocarbons or mixtures thereof;

Z is a straight chain hydrocarbon connecting group which contains 3-25 carbon atoms;

T is oxygen;

$(A-R^1R^2R^3)_m$  is a protecting group in which A is carbon and  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ , and  $R^3$  are alkyl;

n is >0 and <1; and

m is 1.